

Since the airwaves are owned by the American public, it only makes sense that its watchdog agency not to give them without any cost to a few corporations for their sole enrichment. There obviously was a good reason in the past for implementing the rules limiting the number of stations and newspapers one person or corporation could own. The increasing monopoly in the radio industry (which now has led to all talk on AM and all rock on FM) obviously has not made radio as diverse or better than it was in its beginnings in the 1930s and 1940s. It's a deceptive to contend that the internet or alternative weeklies can compete with TV networks and major dailies. When Rupert Murdoch obtains a monopoly on all media, the FCC will not control Murdoch. Instead, Murdoch will control the FCC. You sign your own death warrant when you give monopolies more control of the mass media. -- Don Tewkesbury, retired Seattle Post-Intelligencer reporter, 2572-13th Ave. W., Seattle WA 98119